

2004 ELECTION

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 9



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Bob Nakasone was first elected to the State House of Representatives (9th District, Wailuku-Kahului-Paia) in 1992. Before that, he served five terms on the Maui County Council, including three terms as Council Chairman. He also was Chairman of the 1990-1991 County Charter Commission. Representative Nakasone now serves as House Majority Whip, and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Capital Improvement Projects.

"It's been an honor to work with our community to make sure our district is well-represented in the State House," he said. "Despite a series of tight annual budgets, our district has done quite well in terms of funding."

"We've made some progress on education, drug abuse, and prescription drug costs," he continued. But these are complex and difficult issues to resolve, especially because we also must hold down taxes and address expensive issues such as medical care programs. It doesn't help when advocates oversimplify these matters."

"The residents of our district are practical people," Rep. Nakasone observed. "They want results, not speeches. In my experience, working directly with members of our community, and then with other legislators and the State's executive branch, is the best way to enact legislation that works. Seniority and hard work do make a difference."

Bob Nakasone, his wife Ruth, and their three children work in their family business, Ameritone-Maui, a paint and wall-covering distributor with stores in Kahului and Lahaina.

